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Bud

Editor: Heartiest congratulations from all of us at PATLAR.

Dear Editor:

Empress XVIII Lady Garnet and Emperor XVIII Leonard Harris want to announce the fund raising results of their campaign for election, and their subsequent fund raising efforts through June 18, 1991.

During the campaign, March 22 through April 13, 1991, a total of eleven events were held. From these events, a total of \$1,337.69 was collected, there were no expenses; the total of \$1,337.69 was disbursed to the following causes: SLA (\$100.00); MCC AIDS Hospice (\$237.00); WEAVE (\$149.00); Charity of Tzar and Tzarina of Chico (\$132.00); SAF (\$66.00); Lambda Community Center (\$341.00); Hand to Hand (\$312.69).

Subsequent to our election, we have produced seven events from April 21 through June 17 that have generated an additional \$2,271.68. We incurred expenses of \$515.00, leaving a net amount of \$1,756.68. Of this amount, \$225.00 was disbursed to the Parade Fund, \$268.50 to the Lambda Freedom Fair, and the balance of \$1,263.18 has been deposited to the CGNIE, Inc. General Fund, all as of June 21, 1991.

To recap: we have raised \$3,609.37, paid \$515.00 in expenses, disbursed \$1,831.19 to specific causes, and deposited \$1,263.18 to CGNIE's General Fund.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Editor:

The Federation of Gay Games has sent the following letter to President George Bush regarding current U. S. Immigration policies which ban HIV-positive individuals from entering the United States.

Dear President Bush:

On the behalf of the Federation of Gay Games, we are writing to ask that you please take a leadership role in making sure HIV is removed from the Immigration and Naturalization Services' list of exclusionary diseases. Continuation of this policy means hundreds of athletes from around the world will not be able to participate in the largest amateur athletic event in the world in 1994: Gay Games IV to be held in New York City in June, 1994.

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Please do all you can to end exclusion from the United States based on HIV status, as called for by your own Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Sincerely,

Rick Peterson

Co-President, Federation of Gay Games

Peg Grey

Co-President, Federation of Gay Games

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, August 24, 1991, at 7 p.m., on behalf of CGNIE, Inc., Grand Duke XI Gene and Grand Duchess XI Racine invite you to attend A Masked Ducal Ball, "Spirits In The Night." The Ball will be held at the Tuesday Club, 2722 L Street, Sacramento, 448-7259. Admission is \$15.00 per person.

Additionally, on Thursday, August 22, 1991, at 7 p.m., an In Town Show (a variety show featuring local performers) will be presented at Faces, 2000 K Street, Sacramento, 448-7798. Admission free.

And on Friday, August 23, 1991, at 9 p.m., an Out Of Town Show (featuring out-of-town performers) will be presented at The Townhouse, 1517 21st Street, Sacramento, 441-5122. Admission free.

And on Sunday, August 25, 1991, at 11 am, a Victory Brunch will be held at the Clarion Hotel in the Terrace Room, 700 16th Street, Sacramento, 444-8000. \$10.00 per person.

Also, on August 17, 1991, balloting for the new Grand Duke and Duchess (XII) will occur at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street between the hours of 11 am & 8 p.m.. Proof of age (18 or older) and residence in Northern California required.

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My regularly scheduled editorial will not be seen at this time, so that we may bring you this special program!

PATLAR usually emphasizes the positive - the many uplifting events in life which our community can celebrate with pride. But sometimes this comes at the price of generating a perception among some in our community that we are naive at best and negligent at worst. A few dismiss us out of hand. Well, this month I have a couple axes to grind, and, having found this nifty forum for my anger, I plan to vent some of it!

Don't touch that dial!

So, what am I angry about?

Oh, let's try for starters the social construct called "religious fanaticism" which inspires inquisitional persecution in Mexico, blood-baths in the Middle East, India, Ireland, ad nauseam, and the beloved "Sacramento Union" newspaper to decide that the term of choice for describing Lesbian and Gay people shall be "sodomite." YES - SODOMITE!!!

Or how about the lingering closet mentality which implies that being Gay or Lesbian means little more than getting lots of sex. Perish the thought that we might have a full-fledged culture here. Often these individuals benefit from behind the scenes activity in our community while never risking the pain, discrimination, or emotional commitment that is part of being fully out and involved in advancing our goals.

Make no adjustments; there is nothing wrong with your (mind) set.

And can we talk about the holocaust of HIV?? I'm furious that there was once a trusting, idealistic part of me that has largely given up any expectation that our government and society will ever really give a damn. I do have

great admiration for the many individuals who have come together so tirelessly to fight the epidemic, and of whom we are rightfully proud, but I am sickened by our nation's abdication of social responsibility in this crisis

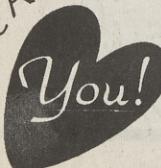
Ah, but what about our denial of other health issues: the widespread substance abuse (including alcohol and nicotine) in our community, the dysfunctional patterns in so many of our families and relationships, and the neglect by our traditional male leadership of women's and minority's health issues? When are we going to deal with the fact that these, as represented just by lung disease, teen suicide, and breast cancer, are killing far more of us than even AIDS?

We are experiencing technical difficulties; please stand by.

What about community support for community institutions? Lesbian and Gay media, for instance, are more than just ad space and gossip! Absolutely essential to the development and nurturing of our group identity and culture, we penetrate and tear away the bonds of our isolation. We depend similarly upon openly lesbian and gay-owned businesses, political organizations, and Community Centers, which can only thrive through your support and vision. These are our finest ambassadors to society at large, showcasing our social cohesiveness, political savvy, and economic strength, and it is our responsibility to hold them to the highest standards of quality, accountability, and integrity. But our institutions always seem to be calling out for support and often teeter on the brink of fiscal collapse.

And let's not forget the dismal decay in our social and political fabric - the state governments shutting down for lack of a budget, the rising violence, the...What? You don't like all this negativity? GOOD! NEITHER DO I!! But, sadly, it's here with us, and by ignoring it, we don't make it go away; rather, we give it our tacit approval. It's going to take the efforts of each of us to start making a difference. Look around you; fill a need in your community. It's time to start dealing with some of this! NOW!

We now return to our regularly scheduled program. ♦

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FORUM

Mary Smith



Gay Rights, NAMBLA, and Kids

For the life of me, I can't figure out how organizations like the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) got to be a part of the lesbian/gay rights movement. Sex with children is not a lesbian/gay rights issue! I wasn't there when someone made the decision to allow NAMBLA and other advocates of legalizing sex with minors to be a part of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day parade in San Francisco, but if I had been, I would have fought like hell to keep them out.

I got into a pretty heated argument with one such group (not NAMBLA, but another one of which I never got the name), at their booth after the parade. I still can't believe the garbage these people laid on me. Like advocating "masturbating" babies to "soothe them" when they are crying. The guy who told me this just didn't get it that babies don't cry because they need sex. Babies cry for lots of reasons, but that sure isn't one of them. I suggested he talk to women and men who are survivors of child sexual abuse to find out just how much damage can be done to a person by violating them in such a manner. I mean, let's call it what it really is - child molesting.

A woman said to me awhile back that pedophiliacs are really no different than gays and lesbians, in a way. Their particular "sexual orientation" is just how they are and they should be allowed to express themselves. I have a difficult time even creating the words out of the shock I feel at this kind of ignorance. Wait - Is ignorance really the right word here? Is it really naivete that makes a person think like this? How is it that a person can look at a young, innocent, trusting child and see a sex object? There is something seriously sick about that kind of mind.

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Mel Dahl



In My Opinion

It is by now old news that the Supreme Court upheld the ban against abortion counseling by family planning clinics that accept federal money. I had thought not even a conservative court would find that government can tell doctors how to practice medicine —silly me, I thought conservatives were opposed to big government. But this column is not about the Supreme Court; it's about George Bush and something I call the Hierarchy of Issues

A whole generation of Americans has grown up believing abortion is a fundamental right; it is now nearly twenty years since abortion was illegal in the United States. So, the \$1.98 question is: Why does a public that supports abortion rights persist in electing presidents (three elections a row) that want to ban them?

Every indication is that Messrs. Reagan and Bush were elected in spite of, rather than because of, their social views. The polls consistently show that these two gentlemen are out of touch on gay rights, civil rights generally, and domestic spending. How, then, do they manage to get elected?

The answer lies in the Hierarchy of Issues. Voting for a politician is like marrying someone: you cannot marry just the good parts; the groom comes as a package deal. Likewise, it is impossible to elect the Republican platform on foreign policy and the Democratic domestic issues platform: it is one or the other. Whichever president we elect comes as a package deal.

Every indication is that it is the Democrats who are woefully out of touch on foreign affairs. Revolting though I find it, Rambo is probably much closer to the heartbeat of America than are those of us who would like to give peace a chance. Why do people stand in line to see slasher movies and prize fights?

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When we talk about gay rights, we need to be talking about sex between consenting adults. When we talk about gay and lesbian young people (i.e., children), we need to be talking about helping them to grow up safe and proud, not using them for sex. Sure, there are some kids who go asking for it from adults. Some do it for money. That doesn't make it okay for them, or for the adults who take advantage of them. There is no excuse for this.

I am a survivor of child sexual abuse. When I hear people talking about abolishing age-of-consent laws, I know they are talking about taking away the one measly little protection kids have against being sexually abused. It is taking me a hell of a lot of work and pain to heal the damage done to me. I came to the lesbian/gay rights movement feeling this was a place to be safe. I still feel that way, but I also feel that these same people who advocate taking advantage of children are taking advantage of gays and lesbians, too. Yes, we fall outside of the mainstream and we know that our particular sexual orientation is viewed as perverted, sinful and disgusting by the majority, and that it's illegal in most states. But, that doesn't mean that everyone's sexual orientation and desire for expression should be accepted as moral, "natural," or healthy. It sure isn't healthy for the kids or the others who don't possess the emotional, sexual, psychological, or even physical ability to consent. Those kids become victims and they pay a terribly high price.

I am a mother of a sixteen-year-old daughter. It is sometimes difficult to look at her, adult-looking and bigger than me, and remember that she is still a child. But, then all I have to do is listen to her talk sometimes, or deal with the consequences of some of her decisions, to be reminded that she sometimes lacks the maturity to make certain kinds of choices in her life without the protection and back-up of an adult she can trust. Many advocates of abolishing the age-of-consent laws say that kids this age are already sexually active and the law shouldn't get in the way. (How many of us became sexually active at this age - or even sooner?) I have no argument that they are certainly sexual beings and many are sexually active.

This is a natural part of their own growth and they are especially vulnerable at this age.

It does our movement no good to be aligned with groups such as NAMBLA and others. I realize it can be difficult to define words like morality for gays and lesbians. That word is so often used by others to keep us in our closets - and worse. One person's morality is another's natural sexual orientation, so they say. But, that doesn't mean there is NO morality and that we shouldn't draw the line somewhere. Perhaps with consenting adults, anything goes. But, please, let's draw the line with kids. And get the pedophiliacs and child-molesters out of the gay and lesbian rights movement NOW!



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Because one of the sad commentaries on human nature is that, for many people, there is a sense of power, control and lust that can only be satisfied by blood. Going to war unleashes that blood lust in a way that nothing else can quite match, and also gives it an air of respectability.

When voters have to make a choice between two candidates, and those two candidates are out of touch but on different issues, voters must pick which set of issues is more important to them. A majority of Americans are not members of minority groups, will never need an abortion, and are doing just fine economically. So, even though they may not be conservative on those issues, those issues do

not affect them. It's the old song and dance about whose ox is being gored. When a candidate promises to kick some foreign butt, that's who they vote for. That is the issue the voters care most about on the Hierarchy of Issues.

I now return to George Bush and the abortion issue. Mr. Bush was elected president primarily because the American people were happier with his approach to foreign affairs than the approach of Mr. Dukakis. (The fact that Mr. Dukakis exhibited all the passion of a dead cat didn't help either.) They did not elect Mr. Bush so that he could disembowel the Bill of Rights. If any proof of that is required, just remember that the same people that elect Republican Presidents also elect Democratic Congresses.

The problem is, we are now stuck with Mr. Bush for at least four, and probably eight, years. Barney Frank once said that picking a president was like picking up bar tricks at ten minutes before closing time: you concentrate on getting the least repulsive of what is still available. It is well to point out, however, that people who pick up bar tricks at ten minutes before closing time frequently regret it in the morning. It is also well to remember that most bar tricks don't stick around for four years.

The question now is how to neutralize the Administration's opposition to abortion rights, et al. I suppose that the place to start is by electing a Congress that is sympathetic to individual rights.

The Senate also needs to be more choosy about who it confirms to the federal bench. We have a reactionary judiciary in large part because the Democratic controlled Senate allowed it to happen.

We also need to mobilize to put pressure on our elected legislators to not let the White House walk away with the social agenda.

Needless to say, we have an uphill battle until at least the next election. That doesn't mean that defeat is inevitable or that we should accept the Administration's idiotic views on social issues without a fight. It does mean that we have got to get motivated and turn that motivation into action.▼



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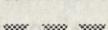
When he was President, Ronald Reagan placed a wreath at the grave yard of World War II German SS Soldiers. I'm not kidding.



This year, the United States is planning to close its annual commemoration of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor to foreigners to avoid offending the..ah..Japanese. I'm not kidding.



The National Park Service is installing a plaque on the Oval Office. It's a nice big brass job, with raised letters reading: "Ronald Reagan Slept Here."



The White House says we are in—or just out—or nearly back in—one of the longest eras of economic expansion the country has ever experienced. During this "expansion" the Savings and Loan Industry collapsed; more banks failed in any given year than in the Great Depression; industries were given loop holes through which to extract retirees pension funds; over half the states have grown unable to pay their bills, cities are going bankrupt and we have became the world's largest debtor nation. I'm not kidding.



During the ten years of the Reagan/Bush improvements, the prison population in the United States swelled to where the U.S.A. has

more people in prison than any country on earth. Let me repeat that, ANY COUNTRY ON EARTH! I'm not kidding.



The Reagan-packed Supreme Court has already ruled homosexual citizens have no guaranteed right to privacy under the U.S. Constitution. I am not kidding.



This year marks ten years of the Reagan/Bush revolution and ten years of the AIDS epidemic and, brothers and sisters, that ain't no joke.



In honor of ten years of such jokes and "improvements," I would like to propose a contest. This is it: Send me your ONE SENTENCE opinion of what we (by "we" I mean we citizens of the U.S.A.) won in the Persian Gulf War. The winner, to be selected by me, will be awarded a free poster of "Bourbon Street, #13," the image from my "Bourbon Street Series" ad.

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"And yet... And yet, something always happens that pulls me back to 'reality' and that something may well be the fact that my new love ends up cheating on me, or leaving me, or doing something unspeakable to me. Or, it could even be something as simple as going out in the morning and discovering that I have a flat tire, and I am already ten minutes late for work.

"So the problem is: 'Why is that?' Why does it always turn out that those magical feelings never last, and more often than not I end up feeling even worse than I did before?"

Let's address this issue, for it is an important one, and one seldom dealt with by any agency or teacher or event which does actually bring you along to the point where you experience "transformation" or "enlightenment." Unfortunately, this lends credence to the idea that what you discovered or experienced was only illusion or just a temporary "high."

Let's look, first, at why it is so easy (just a flat tire, for God's sake!) to "lose it" when you were so sure YOU had "got it." The answer to this lies in childhood for most of us, for if you will allow your mind to wander back to the truly wonderful, magical times that you did experience, and recall what happened with those, you'll recognize that adults—parents, baby-sitters, teachers—were more often than not made uncomfortable, somehow, at your joy, your enthusiasm, your noisiness. You were told to "calm down" or "stop doing that" or "cool

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out." Or, worse yet, you were told that "You can't expect to be happy like that all the time, or even "You'd better calm down, kid, or you'll be in trouble."

In other words, adult intervention almost always insisted that you must "stop" enjoying yourself and may even have underlined it with comment which made it very clear that that was not "normal" and, for every one of us, that "CAUTION" sign is now firmly implanted in the middle of any ecstatic or wondrous experience. Like a friend who tells of the perfectly magical sexual encounter he was experiencing in Mexico, and just before orgasm, the thought: "What would mother think?" flashed in his mind, and immediately brought him down (In more ways than one!).

It becomes necessary, then, to find ways for "making peace" with these old tapes that start running almost immediately whenever life seems to be getting wonderful. My favorite is simply "OK, Mind. I hear you...and I am going ahead with this anyway." For me, simply recognizing in each instance that it is not some great moral imperative that begins to block my "enlightenment" but simply an old tape, allows me to "STOP" that tape machine in my head.

It is most valuable for each of us to first recognize what is happening in these cases and then develop our own technique for issuing that STOP Order.

A second factor that often does throw us off track is that most of the rest of the population is made uncomfortable by your elation, your happiness, your obviously functioning at a higher and more productive level. And it's much easier to find ways to "bring you down" than explore the avenues which led you to the heights. You will need to allow them their skepticism and not allow their disapproval to trigger your old tapes. I might suggest that you "love them" in terms of "giving them the space to be the way they are...and are not." That will help!

Finally, once you have learned how to counter—or, more precisely—to "allow to be" these potential road hazards, there is an additional fact that you do need to know. Your "enlightenment" is not a thing, not a "condition" you ultimately achieve and everything is won-

derful from then on out. Rather it is a process...or, perhaps more accurately, the recognition of that fact. To be enlightened is to continue to come from love, to practice forgiveness, or recognize that whatever "problem" has appeared on the horizon is simply the Universe's next assignment for you to challenge, to move through, or deal with or otherwise learn from.

Is this, perhaps, the ultimate "short course" in Enlightenment? Probably not, but it does contain some hints and clues that can be helpful. AND, I share them with you with love! May your Light continue to shine! And, it will, once you recognize that it is your light, and you are the one whose hand is on the switch!

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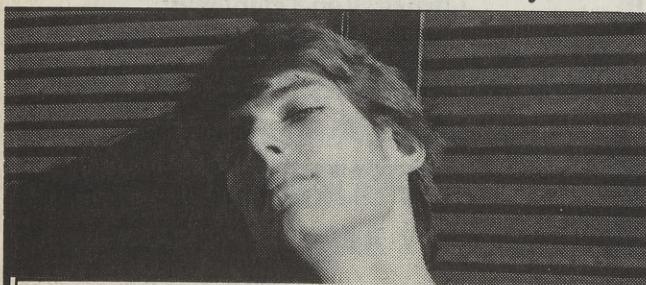
by Joe Chase

Our last issue discussed ways to sensitize safer sex with condoms.

Is That All There is?

Certainly not! Sex at its best goes beyond intercourse and hopefully you and your partners can communicate to each other your wants and needs. Taking time to explore some of the variables and nuances of sexual expression enhances any intimate relationship. You simply have to make sure that you don't get blood, semen, or vaginal fluids from one person into another.

The lists of variables can be endless. Find your partners' unique erogenous zones and mood triggers. What situations or roleplays excite you or do you fantasize about? Are there accessories, costumes, words or other things that turn you on? Half the fun can be in exploring the uncharted sexual seas between you.



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For condoms and safe sex to work effectively to protect you, it is important that you become comfortable with them and use them any time you're being sexual. This requires some preparation (like making sure you have condoms and lubricant) and creativity. It also doesn't hurt to have a sense of playfulness.

Phone sex is another example of connecting with another person sexually but with no risk (except a large phone bill). For many, it is a super way to work out fantasies without having to actually participate in risky activities. You can reach out and touch.

Good hygiene is another way we can make sex safer. Plenty of soap and water, before and after sex, is a good idea to wash off any germs. Showering or bathing together can also be a fun and sensual experience.

What about "Kinky Stuff?"

What may be "kinky" to one person might be "vanilla" or plain to another, so it is a good idea to talk to your partners and make sure you're all comfortable with the activity in which you are going to participate. Communication is key in any scene.

Beyond intercourse and oral sex there are many other sexual possibilities. What you need to remember is how the virus is transmitted and make all your activities safe. So, you can make any activity between consenting adults safe as long as blood, semen and vaginal fluids don't get from one person into another.

It is also healthier not to let urine (piss) or feces (shit) get from one person into another. Remember there are many other STDs besides HIV disease, so playing safe can protect you from these, too. Some "safe sex lists" call the following activities "risky" or "dangerous", but even these can be made safe:

Digital manipulation (finger fucking) When people have cuts on their fingers it is safest to use a rubber glove, finger cot, or a condom on their hand when poking them into a vagina or anus (asshole).

Public Sex is an outlet for some men. Using protection will stop disease but the risk of being arrested or mugged remains. Watch out!

Sex toys should not be shared unless they

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are sterilized between use. It is a good idea to put a condom on a dildo or vibrator to keep it clean. To sterilize sex toys, use a cleaner containing nonoxynol-9, or use soap and hot water.

Sadomasochism means many different things. Part of the tradition of sex-negativity and fear of the different in our society is to dismiss all sadomasochism, bondage, and other sexual variants as "perverse". In reality, the "leather scene" and its many subsets can be as HIV safe as the participants make it, simply by not letting blood, semen and vaginal fluids get from one into another.

Watersports and scat are considered safe as long as neither piss nor scat (shit) gets into your system and stays external only. Taking piss or scat in your mouth increases risk, as does letting someone piss up your ass. If there are any cuts or abrasions, don't do watersports or scat as it is nearly impossible to control the "flow" away from these sores. Clean up yourself and surroundings after a scene.

Fisting or handballing(putting your hand into another's rectum) carries additional risk such as damage to the anus and rectal tissue, bowel disruption and increased exposure to parasites, amoebas and other bugs. Hygiene, rubber gloves and extra special care are very important during this activity.

Shaving It is easy to cause minor nicks and cuts during a shaving scene and these can be a source of possible infections. Use disposable or sterilized razors and have an antiseptic available to take care of nicks and cuts. Better yet, try cream depilatories for that baby smooth feeling.

Piercing Genital jewelry ranges from pierced nipples to "Prince Alberts" (a ring through the frenulum and urethra) to even more esoteric piercing of the glans or other parts. ANY PIERCING MUST BE DONE IN STERILE ENVIRONMENTS BY EXPERTS. Some piercing take longer to heal. Take special care so infected blood, semen and vaginal fluids don't get in them.

Drugs and Sex

Most unsafe sex occurs when someone is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If you tend to have unsafe sex when you're high, then

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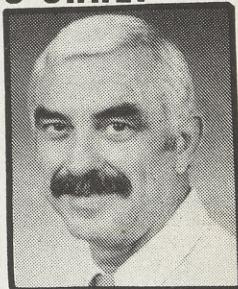


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don't get high when you have sex. If you find it hard to change, get some help. There are many therapists who work with people on these issues and self-help or 12-step groups like Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous. Remember, you are not alone.

But I Don't Feel Like Being Sexual

Many people with HIV experience a disinterest in sex at some time or another for a variety of reasons, some emotional and some physical. Understanding this can help people with HIV cope and realize that they aren't alone.

Some folks blame their infection on being sexual and don't want anything to do with sex. Experiencing their cum or vaginal fluids as toxic waste is frightening to others. Some feel guilty and see HIV as their punishment. Others swear themselves to celibacy and some may slip up and have unsafe sex when an opportunity comes up. In so-called "mixed marriage" couples where one partner has HIV and the other doesn't, there can be unique stresses,

strains, and fears of infecting or being infected by your significant other. Discussing these issues with counselors or therapists can help lighten their burden.

The body is affected by HIV in many ways which relate to sexuality. The virus can cause mood swings, depression and other effects on the brain. Not feeling well physically can turn down the heat of passion and a number of medications, particularly anti-depressants, are also known to lower libido. Consult with your physician to see if a change in treatment or medication is warranted.

It might also be helpful to explore ways to benefit from the pleasure and affirmative qualities that sexual expression and show of affection can contribute to whole-body wellness. Sometimes taking away the stress of performing and the focus on orgasm, and instead concentrating on affection and pleasure can help. ♦

Aerosolized Pentamidine Prolongs Survival in AIDS

Aerosolized pentamidine was associated with prolonged survival in patients with advanced HIV disease, according to results of a study presented by Dr. Richard E. Chaisson at the Seventh International Conference on AIDS. These findings have significant implications for management choices in HIV-positive patients.

Both aerosolized pentamidine (NebuPenttm), and TMP/SMX (Bactrim and Septra) have been shown effective in preventing *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia (PCP) in previous studies. However, in one study of patients with advanced HIV disease, only aerosolized pentamidine was associated with improved survival.

60% of patients received aerosolized pentamidine, while only 19% received TMP/SMX. The significantly higher percentage of patients on aerosolized pentamidine prophylaxis may be explained by the fact that many patients had low blood cell counts, and thus might not have been able to tolerate TMP/SMX.

This information was reported by Dr. Chaisson of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and is based on a two-year

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study of 1,084 AIDS patients. the study evaluated the impact of PCP prophylaxis on survival of AIDS patients who were also treated with zidovudine (Retrovir).

Results of this study suggest the need for careful consideration of PCP prophylaxis in HIV-positive patients. "These results establish the significant role of aerosolized pentamidine in reducing PCP and, more importantly, prolonging life in patients on zidovudine," according to Dr. Chaisson. ▀

Whitman Walker's Jim Graham Joins AIDS Action Council's Board of Directors

Jim Graham has been elected to the Board of Directors of AIDS Action Council. Since 1984, Graham has been Administrator of Whitman-Walker, the D.C. area's primary community-based provider of HIV-related services. Graham is a lawyer who has been a member of the D.C. Aids Task Force since its inception in 1983. He is the recipient of numerous awards, and has written and spoken widely on AIDS.

Mayor Art Agnos Praises Hard Work of Leather Club

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos surprised the Celestial Krewe de Cuir and its founder with an honorary citation during their annual Mother's Day benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund and the Shanti Project.

The award read in part: "The people of San Francisco are proud to congratulate and commend the hard-working volunteers of the Celestial Krewe de Cuir whose efforts help sustain the important work which Wally Sherwood, a respected city employee, journalist and longtime volunteer for these worthy organizations, has carried on so well."

The benefit, hosted by Scott Cain at the Watering Hole Saloon, raised \$1,503 for the two charities.

Many titleholders were present to aid the fight against AIDS and one, Bill Gooch of Sacramento, Mr. Northern California Drummer 1991, became the first to accept a judgeship for the seventh annual benefit on Mother's Day, May 10, 1992.

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Letter Writing Campaign Started For Gay Character in Star Trek

The Gaylactic Network, an international organization for gay science fiction fans and their friends, has announced the start of a letter writing campaign to have openly gay characters appear in Star Trek: The Next Generation.

One of the most important aspects of Star Trek has been a vision of the future in which humanity has put aside its differences to work and live in peace together. However, in 25 years, Star Trek has never shown an openly gay male or lesbian character.

The Gaylactic Network and its local "Gaylaxian" chapters believes the continued absence of gay characters in Star Trek: The Next Generation, reflects a failure of its theme of acceptance and respect of others.

Those who want to write letters in support for the appearance of openly gay characters in Star Trek: The Next Generation, should send them to Gene Roddenberry, 5555 Melrose

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Those science fiction fans who would like to learn more about the Gaylactic Network and its chapters, or about gay science fiction and fantasy in general, may write to Gaylactic Network, PO Box 1051, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117-1051 USA.▼

New Gay Mormon Magazine Debuts

September is the turning point for Gay and Lesbian Mormons, their relatives, friends, and those Mormons "who would like to know more."

"New Direction," a bimonthly magazine, will debut, focusing on the relationship between Mormonism and being Gay or Lesbian.

Original papers and articles on a variety of subjects that would be of interest are now being requested.

Subscriptions are \$25 per year and sample copies of our 32 page magazine are \$5. Rates are higher outside the U.S.. Send all correspondence to New Direction, 6520 Selma Ave., Suite A-440, Los Angeles, CA 90028.▼

Berkeley Honors Coming Out Day

The Berkeley City Council recently approved an extended Domestic Partners Registration program expanding health care benefits to non city employees.

The Berkeley ordinance is scheduled to go into effect on October 11, 1991—National Coming Out Day.

"We are thrilled to have National Coming Out Day honored in this way" said Lynn Sheppard, Executive Director of the National Coming Out Day campaign. "Once again, Berkeley has set the tone for a new level of national activism and has helped in our campaign to increase the visibility of our community."

National Coming Out Day is a national educational organization dedicated to supporting the gay and lesbian community in participating fully and equally in society. To become an official sponsor of National Coming Out Day, please call or write NCOD Headquarters, PO Box 8349, Santa Fe, NM 87504, (505) 982-2558.▼

Robert Responds to Christopher Commission

California Senate President Pro Tempore David Roberti has introduced legislation which will require peace officers to be trained to be sensitive when dealing with the public on differences based on race, culture, sex or sexual orientation as part of the training programs conducted by the state Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

"The findings of the Christopher Commission point to problems that likely go beyond the Los Angeles Police Department," said Roberti. ♦

UC Davis Chancellor's Ad Hoc Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues: A Preliminary Report

In March 1991, the Chancellor's Ad Hoc Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues was convened to address issues of concern to the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities at UC Davis and UC Davis Medical Center. Its charge was to identify problem areas and analyze how effectively the campus and medical center are dealing with these issues. The Committee of faculty, staff and students submitted its preliminary report to Chancellor Hullar at the end of Spring quarter.

In Fall 1991, the Committee plans to reconvene to make specific recommendations to the Chancellor and the University administration. For more information, contact Joy Fergoda, Committee Chair. Women's Resources and Research Center, 10 Lower Freeborn, University of California, Davis, CA 95616 Phone: (916)752-3372. ♦

Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity Prepares for Convention

Delta Lambda Phi Fraternities from around the country will descend upon the glittering neon desert city of Las Vegas, August 9 - 11. The 12th Greek letter chapter, called the Mu Chapter of UNLV, will play host to a multitude of activities: workshop/seminars, business meetings, a grand reception, and all-around hot fun in the desert sun.

For a brochure and more information, please send a SASE to Delta Lambda Phi, Box 70733, Las Vegas NV 89170-0733. ♦

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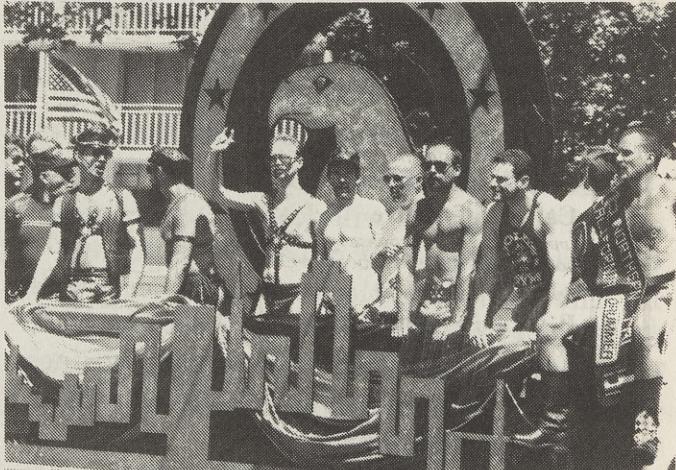
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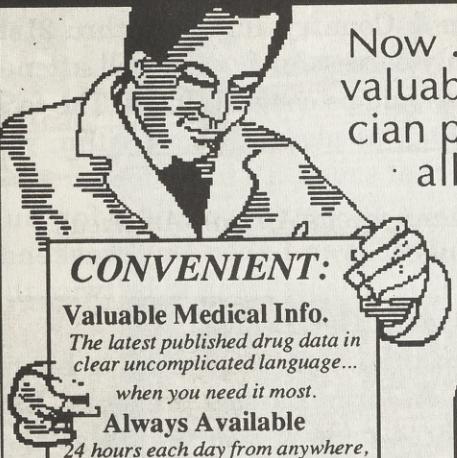
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On July 21st, 1991, Chico, California held its first ever Lesbian and Gay Freedom Fest! Above, the beautiful CSUC Alumi Glen offered shade to many of the fest visitors. Right, AIDS info was available from the Butte County AIDS Education project.

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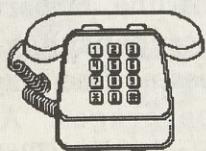
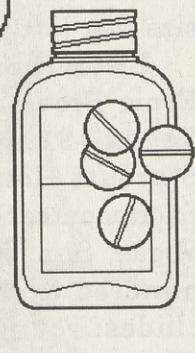
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Muse News

Spring 1991 was a time for Summer Solstice Rituals and for pride — Lesbian and Gay Pride, that is! Among the artists who boosted Pride shows, lesbian diva Alix Dobkin appeared in New York, along with creative ASL interpreter Marilyn Van Veerson; Cris Williamson and Tret Fure graced the Chicago happenings; the dynamic duo of Robin Flower and Libby McLaren inspired in San Francisco; and energetic singer-comic Lea Delaria turned up everywhere, including Atlanta, Philadelphia, Rhode Island, and Hyannis.

For those of you still seeking woman-identified celebration there are numerous upcoming summer festivals from which to choose. The Mother Fete (large, outdoor, self-created, multicultural, accessible), the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, will be in its 16th year, in 1991. Featured artists are Canadiennes Ferron (Anglophone) and Lucie Blue Tremblay (Francophone), Japanese drumming group Sawaigi Taiko, and African-American Linda Tillery with Skin Tight, who will surely get down! Advance ticket purchases were due by July 23, but inquiries about child care, DART (disabled resources), airport shuttle, or first-timers tips may still be directed to WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458, (616) 7574766. V/TTY available.

On the heels of Michigan will be Robin Tyler's 12th Annual West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival, Labor Day Weekend, in the hills of central California. Also featuring Ferron and Lucie Blue, WCWMCF is incorporating such worthwhile newer performers as the bluesy Elaine Townsend, girl group Venus Envy, plus provocative author Sonia Johnson, along with clean and sober and country/western dances: WCWMCF, 15842 Chase Street, Sepulveda CA 91343; (818) 8934075. *Continued Next Page*

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Ernie Brown



Views From River City

Sacramento is still riding high on its laurels. We are still up in the ivory towers. I am sure everyone knows by now. If not, I will say it again! Sacramento took the most outstanding float award in San Francisco's gay day parade. Yes! We did it! Sacramento is to be complimented.

Here are some of the highlights for August, beside the summer heat. Grand Duke XI Gene & Grand Duchess XI Racine, & CGNIE. Inc. cordially invite you attend an evening of fantasy & illusion, DUCAL Ball 1991, 'A Masked DUCALL BALL—Spirits in the Night' Sat. Aug. 24th, 1991, 7 p.m. This will be held at the Tuesday Club, 2722 "L" Street. Sacramento, Calif. Tickets, fifteen dollars.

Oh, before I forget, the Afrocentri Weekend Celebration was held this year at Faces & Joseph's Town & Country July 19th thru 21st. "91" was highly successful & very well attended. You guys should be congratulated. The food was outstanding, as always. Tom Griffin, you have to bottle that sauce, it's to die for.

Every thing is being readied for our Rainbow Festival over Labor Day weekend. Join the fun. This year its going to be twice the size over last years. Get involved.

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Well, I am off on my annual vacation, once again going back east for my two-year family reunion. My Sept article will be coming from Fort Lauderdale Fla. & Walt Disney World & Epcot Center.

While I am away on vacation, LaKish will be taking reservations for me. You will find him slinging drinks at the Merc. Also I will have the latest update on the Renaissance Faire. Until then enjoy the rest of summer. ▼

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An East Coast Labor Day gathering is RhythmFest, to be held atop Lookout Mountain, in Georgia. Like WCWMCF, RhythmFest is less rustic than Michigan, but what makes RhythmFest unique is the emphasis on targeting financial contributions to women's causes such as AWMAC, the Association of Women's Music and Culture. Performers will include the irreverent Girls in the Nose, the moving Faith Nolan, the funny Monica Grant, the camp Betty, and the spiritual June Millington: RhythmFest, PO Box 807, Durham, NC 27702-0807, call (919) 683-1871, or fax (919) 682-5601.

Some of you not satisfied with the aforementioned festivities have attended the last 1990 Bahamas women's sailing sponsored by the innovative Olivia Cruises; it was four fun nights to Miami-Key West-Nassau-Blue Lagoon (semi-private tropical isle), July 22-26: Olivia Cruises, 4400 Market Street, Oakland CA 94608 or 1-800-631-6277. For veterans, a women's cruise party was recently held in San Francisco, with comedy by beloved former

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cruise emcees Marga Gomez and Karen Williams. Incidentally, the Olivia Cruise video (by Wolfe Video), from the first-ever maiden voyages in February 1990, won the 1990 Cable Car Award for Outstanding Video.

For more serious play, there was Summer Camp for Women, a clean and sober weekend with Karen Ripley and Laura Rifkin, July 12-14. For future playtime, write: Laura Rifkin, 5337 College Avenue #224, Oakland CA 94618 or call (415) 287-8870. In early August, inter-tribal Indian metis, Neurolinguistic Programmer, and Feldenkrais practitioner Brooke Medicine Eagle sponsored a weekend of dancing for women. For info on Brooke's future events, call Harmony Network at (707)869-0989.

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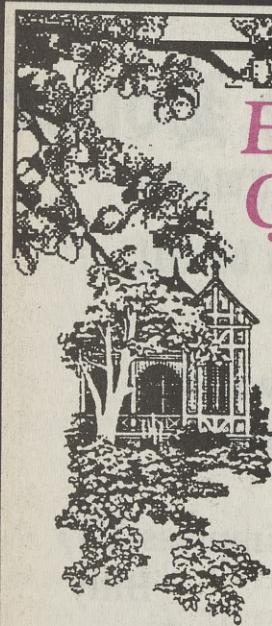
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You may still be able to get to Starhawk's August 10 "Urban Magic" workshop: call Harmony Network for info on this and future Starhawk gatherings.

For at-home pleasure, enjoy the solid new release from Tret Fure, **TIME TURNS THE MOON** (Second Wave/Olivia Records), reprising her familiar themes of social ills and the underprivileged while alternating between danceable rockers and softer, introspective ballads. Another hot disc, **PRECIOUS METAL** (Chameleon Music Group), by the five-woman band of the same name, provides a tight, invigorating mix of gritty guitar, thundering drums, and driving bass through homespun tunes and catchy covers. On a folkier note, Alix Dobkin's **YAHOO AUSTRALIA** (Ladyslipper Music) offers the joyful "Lesbian Code:" destined to become a dyke standard, among other contextual framings of strong, everyday women.

What are the politics of mentioning a men's album in a column on women's music? Coalitional, if that album is **BE POLITICAL, NOT POLITE** by Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips, and if such lesbianic vocal forces as Phranc, Alix Dobkin, and Holly Near sing along on the recording. R&P's fourth album, on Fresh Fruit Records contains 15 songs of love, topical issues, anger, and hope. Decide for yourself.

Help wanted. Olivia recording artist Deidre McCalla has recently announced her Album Project III. Following her R&B and reggae debut album **DON'T DOUBT IT** and the Cable Car Award-winning **WITH A LITTLE LUCK**, this Teresa Trull-produced third release has a projected budget of \$31,000, much of which Deidre hopes to raise, as she has previously, from the "grass roots backroads of the lesbian-feminist cultural network." To donate or to discuss loan arrangements, drop a line at PO Box 3611, Oakland CA 94609, or call (415) 273-2481. N.B. Deidre is the only artist I know who signs the letters in her mailings, and in purple ink!

Please send information to be included in this column to Lady Phoenix Productions, 1311 Webster Street E318, Alameda, CA 94501. ♦

Lee Sharmat & Rich Flowers



SportsPride

RICH: Racism in gay and lesbian sports exists. It's almost a tradition. Yes, the old-boy network is alive and well.

LEE: Hmm...leaves me with that morning breath feeling. This is one tradition we can do without. The few athletes of color we see tell us that racism is a wide-spread problem.

RICH: New York's Gotham Volleyball League asked founding member Ken Wilson, a set/jump/spiker of color, to leave the league because he wanted to talk about the racial mix on teams. Hispanics and Blacks are segregated in the league and are so put-off by the situation, they're forming their own league called In Living Color.

LEE: Ironically, according to Gotham commissioners, "there is no racial issue."

RICH: Gee, Lee, the first step of any 12-step recovery program is to acknowledge that a problem exists.

LEE: Many groups don't target athletes of color. So, what you see is what you get!

RICH: Stigma is all inclusive. It is very important to reach out. A little "RLC" (Racial Loving Care) and a big hug goes a long way.

LEE: Speaking of loving care, the N.Y. Big Apple Softball League's "Playing For Life" AIDS fundraising tournament, held over the July 4th weekend in Central Park raised over \$10,000. bucks for GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER, an AIDS service organization that delivers hot meals to home-bound PWA's.

RICH:

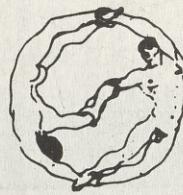
29 teams joined in, 16 of them were from out of town, which generated a lot of revenue for New York's ailing economy. A strikingly handsome team from Philadelphia, Woody's, outlasted the spirited and equally handsome Virginia Outlaws 11-9 to win the competitive division.

LEE:

The very attractive women's team from Cleveland, Just Us, steamrolled through the recreational division, beating all the men's teams to reach the finals undefeated. They beat the Chicago Pressmen 11-10 in 11 long innings to take the title in the recreational division.

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A Romp Through New Orleans

Almost all of the world's more cosmopolitan cities offer a special neighborhood where those members of society who either by artistic temperament or "unconventional sexual preference" (and, in some cases...indifference) seek a life where they are more or less left alone by mainstream convention and doctrine. New York City has always boasted Greenwich Village, in Seattle Capitol Hill offers a strip of shops, eateries and nightspots not necessarily geared to appeal to the "herd mentality" of middle America and L.A.'s West Hollywood, with its incredible Santa Monica Blvd. is yet another example.

And, when we think of New Orleans, the hip neighborhood that immediately comes to mind is, of course, the French Quarter. But we believe this over-publicized, tourist-ridden hot



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Jackson Square,
New Orleans

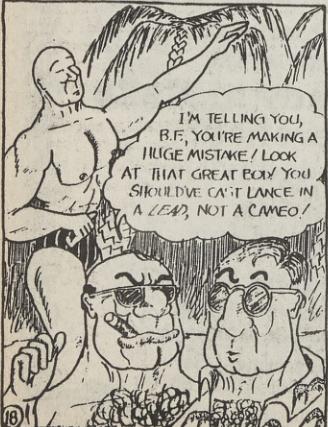
bed of steamy jazz and party-hardy lifestyle is being replaced as a gay/lesbian neighborhood. On our last visit to New Orleans we were somewhat surprised to find that many of the more serious-minded folks were moving next door, into a quaint section of town known as the Faubourg Marigny. This old Creole neighborhood was originally the estate of Marigny de Manderville. You can see his likeness at the local wax museum, Mussee Conti, of which we will tell you more later. Anyway, we believe this is a neighborhood that is just starting to happen, and all gay and lesbian visitors to New Orleans are encouraged to take a stroll down its quaint streets. Also, check out Charlene's, the hottest women's bar in the city. Celebrities such as Sandra Bernhard and Lily Tomlin have been known to frequent this friendly establishment located at 940 Elysian Fields Avenue.

Now back to the Musee Conti. We both consider this to be the best wax museum in the country. Plan to spend at least two hours here. The museum, located at 917 Rue Conti in the French Quarter, is incredibly informative about the history of New Orleans and the original cast of characters who were involved in the Crescent City's early development. Admission is only \$4.

We also recommend a trip to the New Orleans historic Voodoo Museum at 724 Dumaine Street. Here you will find exotic occult displays, artifacts and paintings as well as a ritual room and research center. Mention to Charles Gondolfo, the museum curator, that you are interested in a swamp boat tour, and he will tell you that the Grayline tour (which

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Gruber & Jenneray Continued

we consider to be one of the better ones offered) "just ain't the real thing." He has one of his own, you see, and it even offers a tour of a haunted plantation!

You should be just about ready for the Witching Hour and that notorious gay nightlife the French Quarter is so proud of. We actually DID try to make it to Chris Owens' club on Bourbon Street, but unfortunately we were so exhausted from a day of serious sightseeing that we just couldn't make the show. She performs at 10 p.m. and Midnight, and those who have actually seen her say she is really something else! For the uninitiated, Chris Owens is a stripper/showgirl on the order of Blaze Star, only this old girl is still performing, and from her pictures at least, she looks, well...incredible. Supposedly, she is the other side of 50 now, but, honey, many of the local drag queens really obsess over looking just like her.

Moving away from the hub of Bourbon Street activity, we feel no trip to New Orleans would be complete without a visit to Longview Gardens, the city estate of Edith and Edgar Stern. This 8 acre park, completed in 1942, is a tribute to that rare combination of money and taste. There are several lovely gardens to stroll, some fashioned after European land-

marks, others especially designed to highlight the seasonal flora.

If you missed the classic Brando film "A Streetcar Named Desire" take heart in the knowledge that you can still take a St. Charles Streetcar through sections of New Orleans for just 60¢. The vintage Perley-Thomas streetcars travel along the world's oldest continuously operated streetcar railway. Check it out!

We also enjoyed a visit to the U.S. Customs House (1848-1890), located at 423 Canal Street. Inside this Egyptian-style building you will find Marble Hall, a Greek Revival masterpiece. Along with the Customs House in New York City, we consider it among the most beautiful interiors in the country. Admission is free.

By the way, if you are feeling somewhat daring and seek a ghostly thing to do, how about a visit to the St Louis Cemeteries? These unique European-style graveyards are truly fascinating...but, please...don't go alone! Unfortunately, muggers often prowl the maze-like grounds preying on unwary tourists. So, visit the grave of Voodoo Queen, Mary Lareau with friends during the daylight hours. The cemetery is located about a mile or so from the Quarter.

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Next month we will tell you of three wonderful attractions found outside the city limits of New Orleans, as well as fine eateries and our favorite place to shop. We will also tell you more about La Fitte's Guest House, a wonderful B&B located in the French Quarter.

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Martial Checklist

Legal homosexual marriages are acknowledged only in some Scandinavian countries. While the Danes have the luxury of having their commitments taken seriously, those of homosexual America are forced to make up their own rules. Lesbians and gays can't very well conform to the heterosexual pattern of dating, wedding, and bedding. Consequently, gay and lesbian couples often pledge their permanent union in a variety of nontraditional ways. Usually, a verbal exchange of vows performed "in the eyes of God" is the most common method of "homosexual wedding." Couples who share this union often manifest archetypal behaviors. The following behaviors may very well indicate the presence of a permanent union:

- Having joint ownerships of pets
- Informing each other when nasal debris is present
- Having identical laugh lines
- Using the commode with the bathroom door open
- Knowing each other's instant banking number
- Using the pronoun "we" more frequently than "I."
- Having simultaneous menstrual cycles (women); using the same brand of condoms and/or anal lube (men)



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The Book Shelf

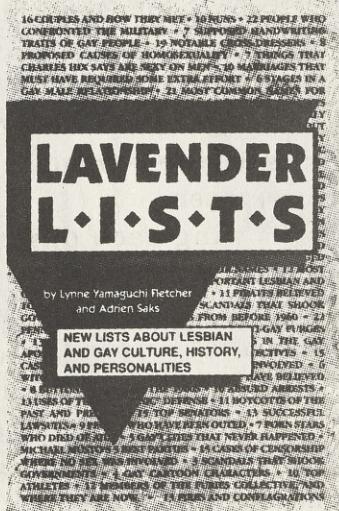
LAVENDER LISTS

by Lynne Yamaguchi Fletcher & Adrien Saks
1990; Alyson Publications; \$8.95

Another book of lists? Why not, when the lists are as entertaining and thought-provoking as the ones in LAVENDER LISTS, by Lynne Yamaguchi Fletcher and Adrien Saks. How about "4 GAY CARTOON AND COMIC CHARACTERS" Or "18 PRO-GAY REPUBLICANS"? That's a mind-bender! We also have "6 NOTEWORTHY SAINTS", "10 NUNS," and "19 NOTABLE CROSS-DRESSERS." How can you resist?

As with all such compilations, a grain of salt is advised. The distinctions between gossip, folk-lore, and history get a little blurred sometimes. But there are plenty of 'true facts', including a disturbing "13 USES OF THE 'GAY PANIC' DEFENSE", and an infuriating list of "13 EVENTS THAT USE THE WORD 'OLYMPICS' IN THEIR NAME", which includes 'Rat Olympics' and 'Crab Cooking Olympics' - but sorry, 'Gay Olympics' is a no-no. Think about that the next time you're asked to support the 'real' Olympics.

"Lavender Lists" makes great summertime reading. You can pick it up and put it down, or find yourself turning page after page, fascinated by "17 LOVERS OF NATALIE BARNEY" or "10 COPS". The authors have taken care that both women and men are equally represented. Entertaining and educational - what more could you want? Why, "Lavender Lists II", of course! ▼



Sharmat & Flowers Continued

RICH: At the banquet, numerous men asked me if the recreational division was fixed.

LEE: (Sigh) I know it was tough for the guys to lose to the gals. They were making all sorts of excuses. Fact is, men can throw the 11-incher further AND I've seen larger lesbian ball players in my time. "Just Us" was "Just Fab".

RICH: The 4th of July weekend saw the birth of a new governing body for tennis during the San Diego Open. The newborn's name is the Gay Tennis Alliance of North America. We don't know if it's a boy or a girl but congratulations and good luck! Over 200 tennis players caused quite a racquet and San Diego won't be spared in August either as over 200 bowlers are expected to compete in the San Diego Invitational, August 2-4.

RICH: By the way, the Chicago Indoor Tennis Championships are August 2-4 and the LATA Outdoor Nationals are in Long Beach, CA, August 31st - Sept 2nd.

LEE: The inaugural Pride of Portland (OR) Gay and Lesbian Sports Festival will take place August 30 - September 2nd. And the gay and lesbian softball season comes to a close in Boston when U.S. national champions will be decided in the NAGAAA World Series, August 20-25th.

RICH: I can't believe softball season is over so quickly!

LEE: Quickly?!? Don't tell my bones that!! ▼

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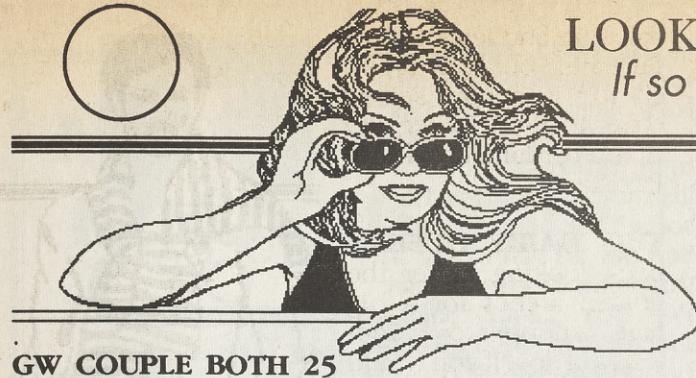


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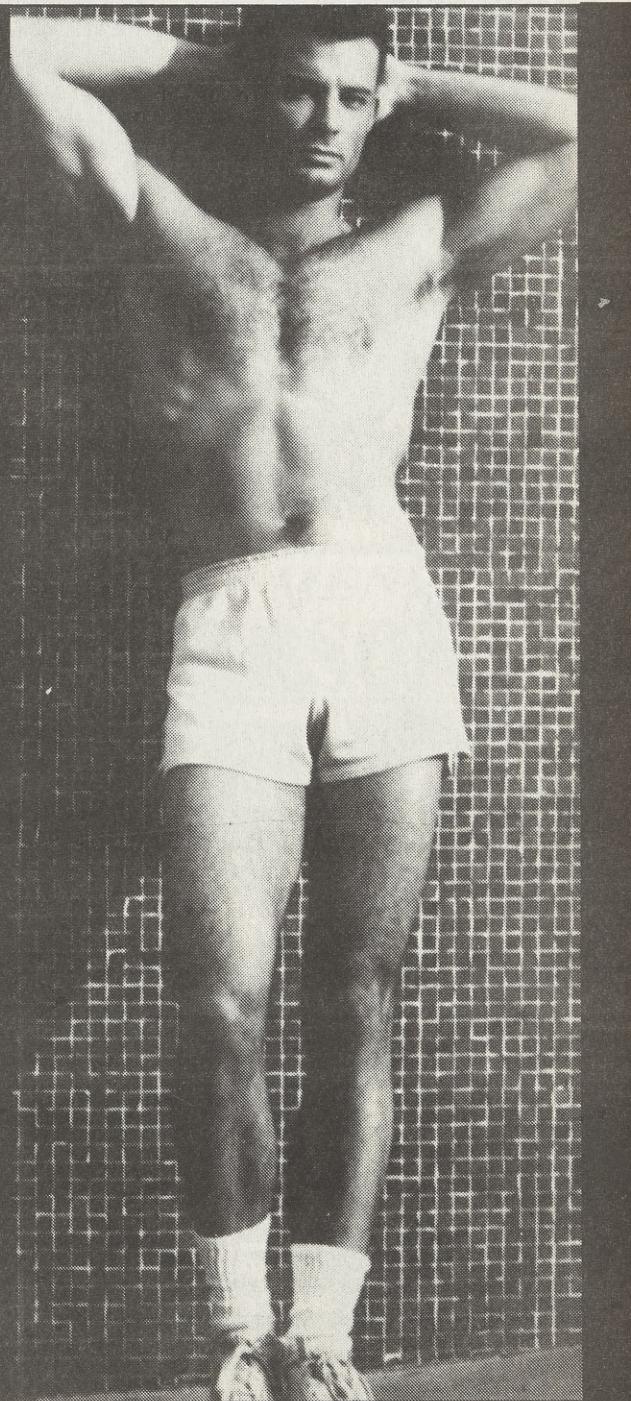
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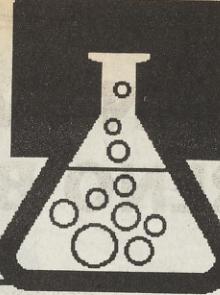


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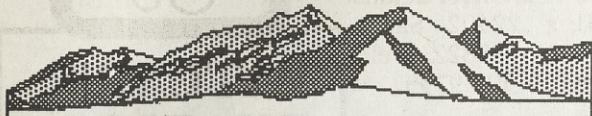
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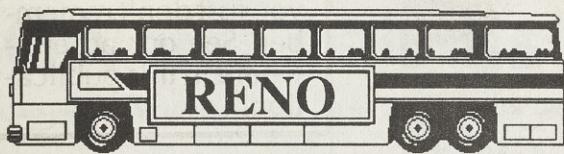


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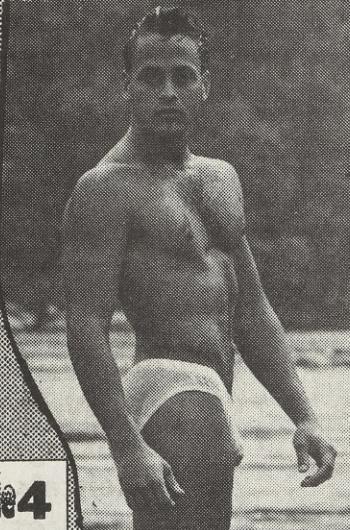
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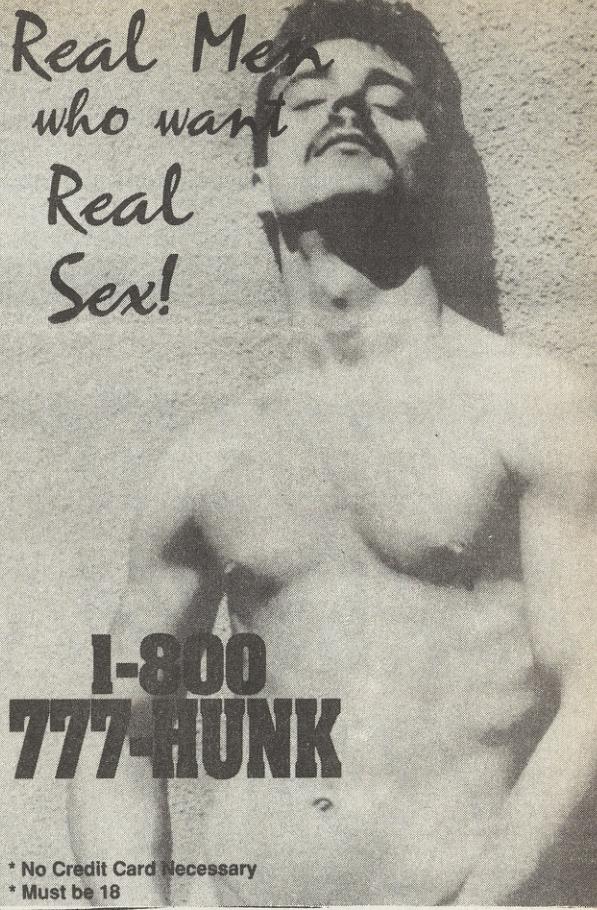
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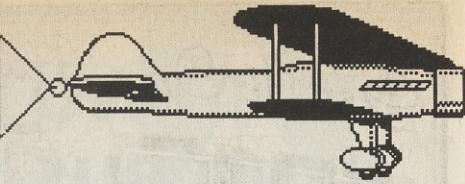
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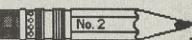
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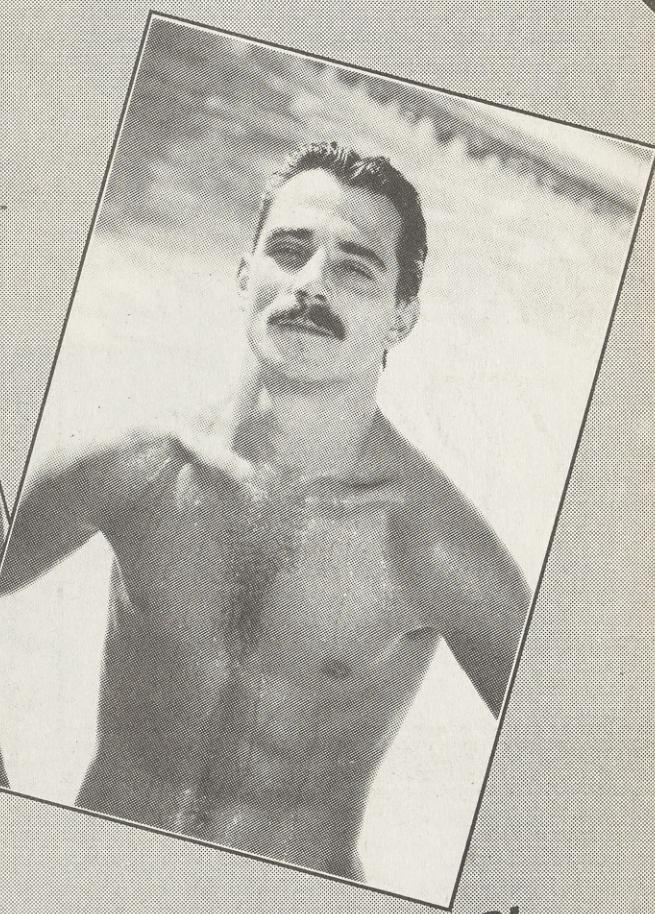
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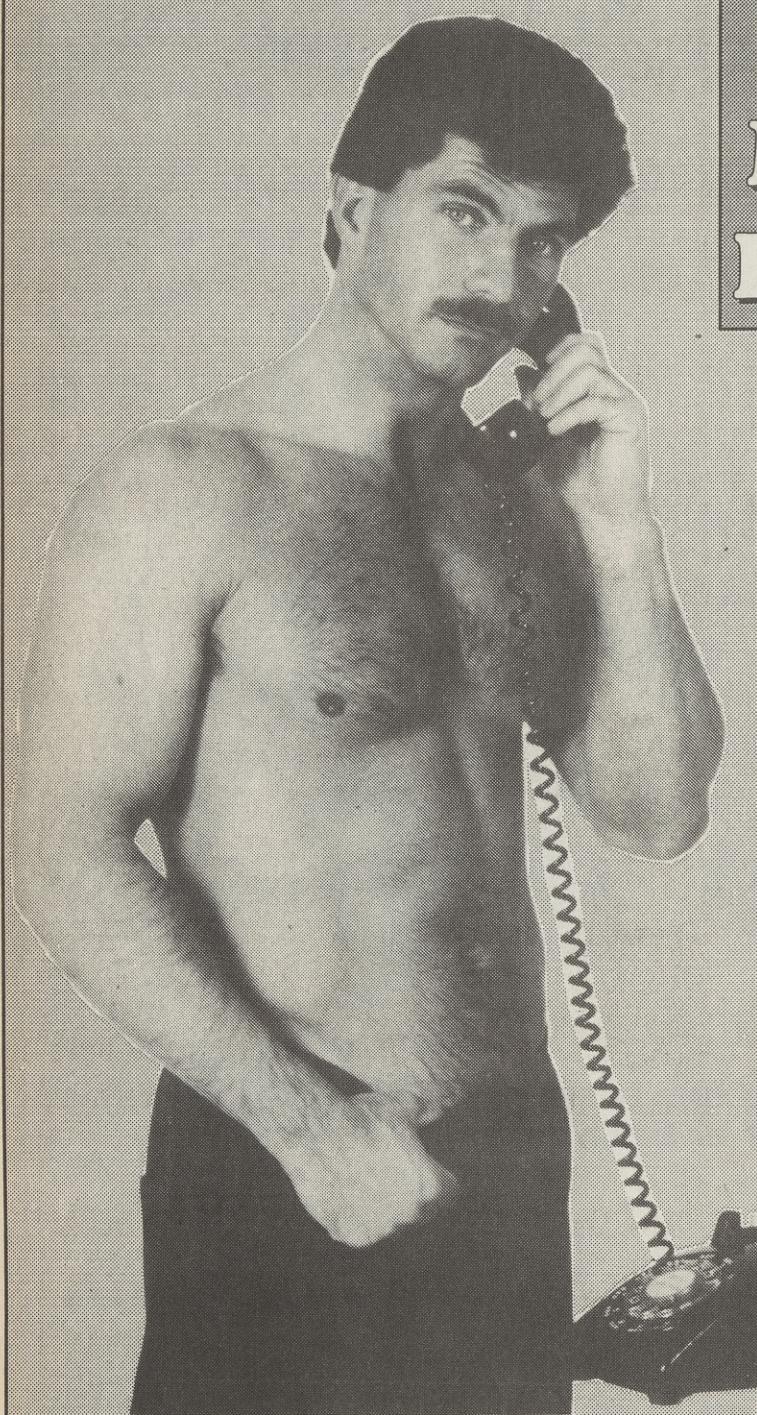
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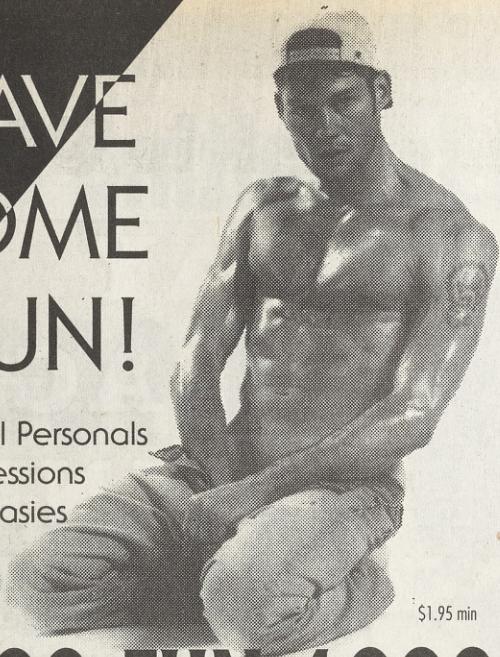
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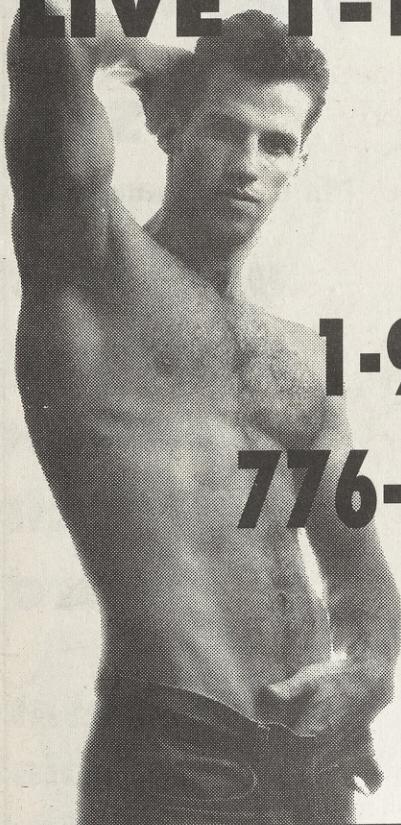
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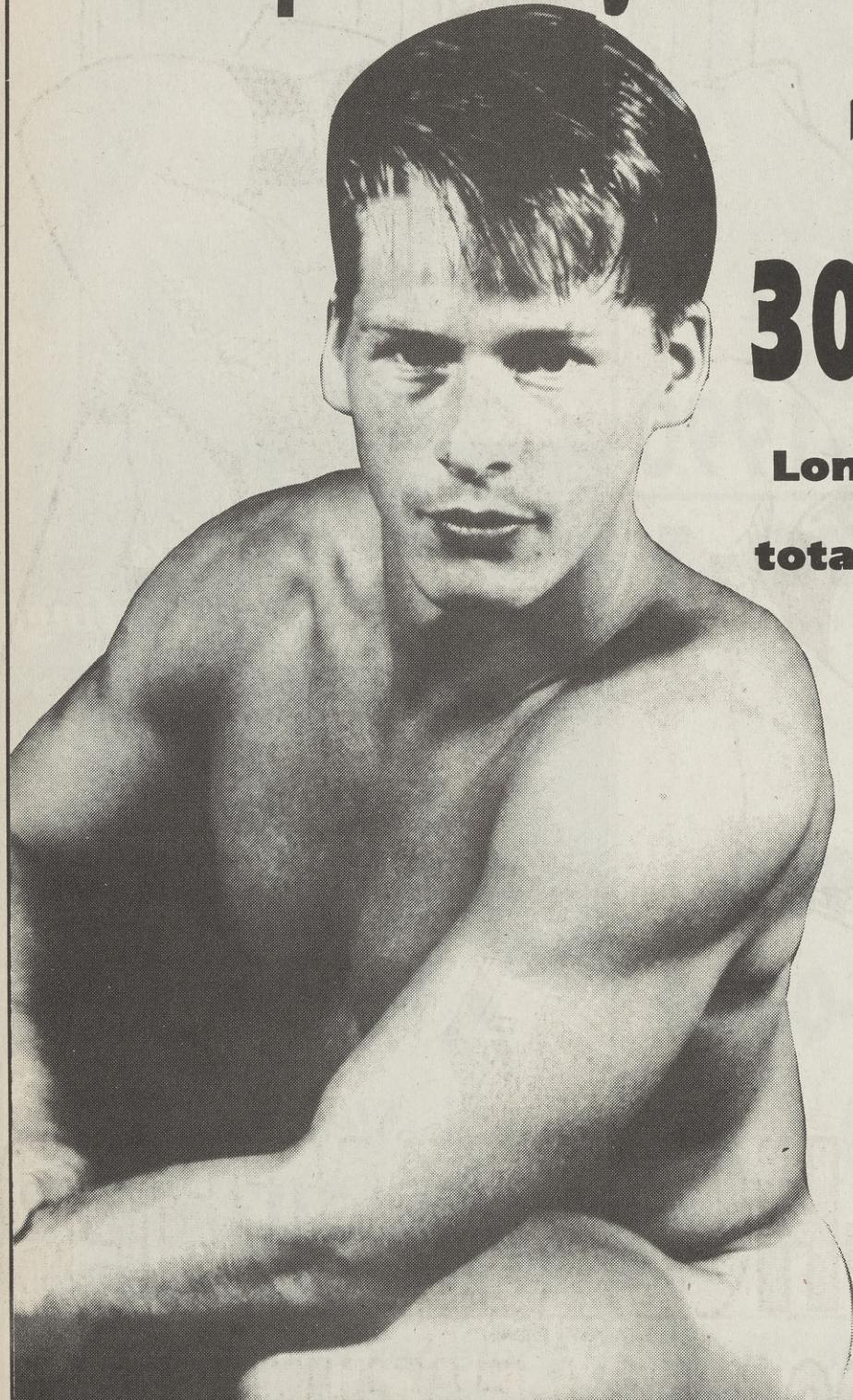
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